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FYI, in order to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of the Civil Rights Program (CRP) the former Hate Crimes Unit and the Color of Law Unit were merged to form the Civil Rights Unit (CRU). The Unit Chief is [redacted]

Due to the national impact of the terrorists attacks on 9/11/01 coupled with the Director's designation of the vigilante attacks against Arab-Americans, in the aftermath of the 9/11, as a national investigative priority, the reporting requirements/deadlines for CRP cases has been suspended and will be reevaluated on 12/01/01. CRU case analysts will continue to forward file review results to the field-for your information only. The results of these review will NOT be recorded at HQ. Nevertheless, you are encouraged to whenever possible to resolve CRP cases in a timely manner, especially those cases involving allegations against law enforcement officers.

As you are aware, the Director in a 9/14/01 all office communication and reinforced in a national press conference on 9/17/01, has made the vigilante attacks against Arab-Americans a national investigative priority. To date, we have initiated 139 hate crimes (six murders; arsons; assaults and in one instance a stabbing of a female student on school grounds by an adult; etc.) in 40 offices. Sixteen of these cases have been designated for 'fast-track' investigation/prosecution. So far we have 2 indictments (SU and SE) and one federal complaint in Knoxville. For your information, Director Mueller, per his request, receives at 7:00a a daily report regarding the progress of these cases. I would like to personally thank-you for your outstanding aggressive response to this growing crime problem and your office's response to the Director's request to reach-out to the Arab-American community. Nationally in excess of 300 contacts were made with over 500+ organizations, mosques and institutions.

I look forward to working with each of you in our collective effort in the enforcement of the nation's civil rights statutes. We are currently engaged in conversations with the Department seeking additional resources/staffing and modification/improvement in the reporting guidelines. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any CRP issue; case; or training requests.

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